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1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING REF A BRIEFING FRG INTER- MINISTERIAL
WORKING GROUP ON NARCOTICS ABUSE (IWGNA), WITH EMBASSY
ASSISTANCE, BEGAN PLAN GERMAN PARTICIPATION IN SUBJECT
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CONFERENCE. DELEGATION WILL BE SELECTED AND SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS COORDINATED AT IWGNA MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 19. WE DO NOT BELIEVE VISIT BY US EXPERTS AS SUGGESTED REF A, WILL BE NECESSARY. END SUMMARY

2. BRIEFING MENTIONED REF A AND CONSEQUENT REPORTING CABLE FROM FRG WASHINGTON EMBASSY THROUGH FOREIGN OFFICE CHANNELS BROUGHT SUBJECT CONFERENCE TO FORMAL ATTENTION OF FRG " INTER- MINISTERIAL WORKING GROUP ON NARCOTICS ABUSE (IWGNA)". EMBASSY ENJOYS EXCELLENT WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS IWGNA. WE HAVE TRANSLATED SUBSTANCE OF ATTACHMENT A, REF D, INTO GERMAN AND PROVIDED COPIES TO IWGNA FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ALL RELEVANT FRG MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS. IWGNA OFFICIALS HAVE DISCUSSED PROPOSED CONFERENCE WITH NARCOTICS CONTROL OFFICIALS OF THE GERMAN STATES AND PLACED THIS TOPIC ON THE AGENDA FOR MEETING ON APRIL 19. GERMAN DELEGATION WILL BE SELECTED AT THIS MEETING AND WE ANTICIPATE THAT FORMAL FRG COMMENTS ABOUT AGENDA PROPOSED FOR CONFERENCE WILL ALSO BE DRAFTED AT THAT TIME.

3. SENIOR OFFICIALS OF FRG HEALTH MINISTRY INFORMED SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO AMBASSADOR FOR NARCOTIC AFFAIRS AND SCIENTIFIC ATTACHE ON MARCH 23 THAT FRG HAS RESPONDED TO USG APPROACH REPORTED REF A THROUGH GERMAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. REPORTEDLY FRG HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE AND AGREED WITH TIME AND PLACE (ROME) PROPOSED. EMBOFFS RESPONDED THAT SITE FOR CONFERENCE NOT RPT NOT YET IDENTIFIED.

4. FRG REPS STRONGLY ENDORSED CONCEPT OF CONFERENCE BUT REMARKED THAT SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL AREAS TO BE COVERED WERE SO BORAD THAT A DELEGATION LIMITED TO ONLY FOUR PEOPLE COULD NOT REPEAT NOT COVER ALL TOPICS AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF SCIENTIFIC COMPETENCE. THEY CONFIRMED OUR GROWING IMPRESSION THAT VERY LITTLE R& D ON S& T DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO NARCOTICS CONTROL IS PERFORMED BY ANY ORGANIZATION IN THE FRG.

5. FRG CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN FULL COVERAGE ALL ASPECTS USE OF X- RAY TECHNOLOGY FOR DETECTION BUT WOULD HAVE NO R& D IN THIS FIELD TO PRESENT CUSTOMS CRIMINAL INSTITUTE HAS BEGUN TO COLLECT HASHISH BLOCK MARKINGS, BUT NOT RPT NOT YET ENOUGH FOR COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS. THIS TOPIC MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSION UNDER AGENDA ITEM III. SCIATT WILL CONTINUE INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH ORGANIZATIONS MOST CLOSELY RELATED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONFERENCE TOPIC. HOWEVER, NOW THAT GERMAN PARTICIPATION IS BEING FORMALLY PLANNED BY IWGNA, WE MUST BE SOMEWHAT CIRCUMSPECT IN OUR EFFORTS TO STIMULATE INTEREST AND ENCOURAGE APPROPRIATE PARTICIPATION LEST WE LOSE GOODWILL OF SENIOR FRG OFFICIALS WHICH IS ESSENTIAL FOR OTHER US INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL OBJECTIVES. FOR THIS REASON, TOO, WE BELIEVE THAT A PRE- CONFERENCE VISIT BY US EXPERTS COULD NOT RPT NOT CONTRIBUTE EFFECTIVELY TO PROCESS INTERNAL COORDINATION AMONG IWGNA AGENCIES.
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